



Executive Department

PROCLAMATION NUMBER 112 JBE 2019

STATE OF PUBLIC HEALTH EMERGENCY

- WHEREAS,** pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721 *et seq.*, a state of emergency was declared in Proclamation No. 111 JBE 2019, which is currently in effect;
- WHEREAS,** during this emergency, Hurricane Barry (*f/k/a* Invest 92L) is expected to make landfall in Louisiana on Saturday morning, July 13, 2019, and thereafter travel through approximately the middle of the state up to and past the northern border with Arkansas, potentially dropping unprecedented rainfall amounts that will cause widespread flooding, as well as impacting the coastal parishes of Louisiana with storm surge;
- WHEREAS,** there is a necessity for emergency shelters, including medical special needs shelters, to be set up to accommodate those who cannot remain in their homes;
- WHEREAS,** the expected flooding will severely strain medical infrastructure throughout the state;
- WHEREAS,** such flooding is a public health threat to citizens and communities across Louisiana and creates conditions which place property in the State of Louisiana in jeopardy and poses a high probability of a large number of serious or long-term difficulties in the affected population;
- WHEREAS,** in homes and businesses that are flooded or otherwise affected by the floodwaters, mold can begin to grow within forty-eight hours from the time flooding first occurs;
- WHEREAS,** exposure to mold can lead to both immediate and potentially long-term health issues, and there is a need to remove mold before a home or business can be inhabited;
- WHEREAS,** standing water remaining after flood waters recede will leave an ideal breeding ground for mosquitos;
- WHEREAS,** mosquito-borne diseases, such as West Nile, Zika, and dengue fever, pose a danger to the State's population, particularly the elderly, pregnant women, and immune-compromised; and
- WHEREAS,** Louisiana Revised Statute 29:766 authorizes a declaration of a state of public health emergency if the conditions found in La. R.S. 29:762 have occurred or the threat thereof is imminent.

NOW THEREFORE, I, JOHN BEL EDWARDS, Governor of the State of Louisiana, by virtue of the authority vested by the Constitution and the laws of the State of Louisiana, do hereby order and

direct as follows:

SECTION 1: Pursuant to the Louisiana Homeland Security and Emergency Assistance and Disaster Act, La. R.S. 29:721, and more specifically La. R.S. 29:724, and the Louisiana Health Emergency Powers Act, La. R.S. 29:760 *et seq.*, and more specifically, La. R.S. 29:766, a state of public health emergency is hereby declared to exist in the entire State of Louisiana as a result of Hurricane Barry, which has created emergency conditions that threaten the lives and health of the citizens of the state.

SECTION 2: This state of emergency extends from Friday, July 12, 2019 through to Thursday, August 8, 2019, unless terminated sooner.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand officially and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of Louisiana, at the Capitol, in the City of Baton Rouge, on this 13th day of July, 2019.

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GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA

**ATTEST BY THE
SECRETARY OF STATE**

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. L. B. Jr.', is written over a horizontal line.

SECRETARY OF STATE